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U.S. APPLICATION NO

10/576524

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US).  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/DE2004/002427INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
November 03, 2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
November 03, 2003

TITLE OF INVENTION: LOWERING DEVICE COMPRISING A SUPPORT STRUCTURE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SCHWOERER, Artur

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1)
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☒ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

1. Return Postcard
2. PCT/IB/308

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17. The following fees are submitted:

Basic National Stage Fee \$ 300

National Stage Search Fee \$ 400

National Stage Examination Fee \$ 200

ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$ 900

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 30  
months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

CLAIMS NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE

Total claims 6 - 20 = 0 X \$ 50.00 \$

Independent claims 1 - 3 = 0 X \$ 200.00 \$

MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$ 360 \$

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 900

Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable.

\$ 900

SUBTOTAL = \$ 900

Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30  
months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). + \$

TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 900

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be  
accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property

\$ 40

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 940

Amount to be:  
refunded \$  
charged \$a.      A check in the amount of \$                      to cover the above fees is enclosed.b.  X  Please charge my Deposit Account No. 11-1447 in the amount of \$ 940 to cover the above fees.c.  X  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1447. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b))  
must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.Please send all correspondence  
to: Customer Number 20469

SIGNATURE:

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DATE:

April 12, 2006

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